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Foreword

So I read Darkstalker once and absolutely fell in love with it. I read it again like a year later and loved it even more! I kinda liked Darkstalker's relationship with Clearsight and I believe it was the sweetest out of all of the romances! So I decided to make a fan fiction on how I believed the royal family would've turned out like.

Now before y'all criticize me, I am absolutely horrible with the spelling. I type this on my phone and transport it here. I do not read over and edit myself so I apologize. I try to do the best that I can.

I would love if you guys edit and read and vote for me. It would be greatly appreciated if you followed me!

This is my first Wings of Fire fanfiction and I am so excited! I hope you like the book and commenting would be amazing! ❤

Also the cover is not mine! Check out the artist here!: https://www.deviantart.com/draktau/art/Lone-Adventurer-735158243

Chapter 1

DARKSTALKER

Yes. Fear me.

Darkstalker leaned in, after Arctic tore himself open in front of the crowd of Nightwimgs, fear rolled off the black dragons one by one, which made him feel powerful. He turned around to see Clearsight and whiteout, silently crying, tears streaming down both of their snouts.

He heard wingbeats and growled silently. He saw Thoughtful make his way over to them and Darkstalker grabbed Clearsight by the talon. He stormed into the castle, dragons not daring to talk or get in his way. He was the most powerful dragon after all. He let Clearsight into the room and closed the door.

He slammed open his scroll, dipped his talon in it and began to write:

Make an invisible barrier around the kingdom to make sure no Nightwing leaves the Nightkingdom unless they have permission from me.

He sat back satisfied and looked over at Clearsight. "My love," he made his way over to her and put a wing around her.

"Stop! You monster! Don't you realize the gravity of the situations! All the timelines will come true! The horrible, horrible ones where you kill tons! I see no bright future anymore!" She scrabbles at his chest, her wings flaring wildly, more tears erupting from her eyes.

Anger was boiling inside him as well. Why couldn't she just see that everything was ok? He had everything under control and he could control it. He opened mouth to speak but there were talon stepping outside and he heard the queen's very angry voice.

He'd almost forgot about the queen. The one who tried to murder him with Quickdeath. He would do the same thing he did to Arctic but he wanted to have fun, be more creative.

He stepped over to his scroll and began to wrote furiously as the pounding on the door got louder. Clearsight huddled in the corner, silent crying still.

Enchanted the Queen of the Nightwings to obey my every command.

Darkstalker knew it was the same thing he did to Arctic but he had something different in mind.

He unlocked and opened the door, seeing several guards and Vigilance angry.

"I will kill—" Vigilance started.

"Kneel" Darkstalker commanded.

The queen instantly dropped to the floor, bowing respectfully. "WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?!" She roared. "Guards!"

"Kill all of the guards." Darkstalker smiled wickedly.

Vigilance screamed as she uncontrollably fought her guards, successfully killing every one of them in the small patrol to capture Darkstalker.

Then he lightly tossed a bright green pebble on her.

The queen turned to him. "Stop it." She screamed, rolling in the ground. She clutched her head, howling and flinging her wings everywhere.

"Sit in a position and Stay still until I tell you to move." He commanded her.

She sat there, still screaming. Her shrieks echoed through the castle walls, eventually drawing attention to more guards.

Once they arrived, they all froze in horror, staring at the queen. "I am your king. You obey me now." He looked at the shrieking queen, sitting perfectly normal, her face twisted in agony, fear and regret.

"You'll never be my king." One night wing hissed.

Darkstalker grabbed the bright green pebble and threw it at the Nightwing guard and he started to claw at his face, screaming and shrieking.

He could hear the other Nightwings think the same thing: The Nightwings are doomed.

No don't worry. Darkstalker thought. *We'll be the most powerful tribe in the world*

Chapter 2

CLEARSIGHT

Clearsight snatched up the scroll, wincing at the yelling and shrieking outside the room. She read his latest spells.

Enchant this pebble for whoever touches this will have visions of their worst nightmare and their greatest sadness, also it feels like their burning and on fire but do no damage to their scales. Make this effect everyone except Darkstalker.

There was a great gaping hole inside of her. There was no way she could fix this. There was one timeline where she went flying to the mountains. One of them would crumble, leaving Jade mountain the tallest. Maybe she should wait for the avalanche and die.

She couldn't. The world needed her help no matter how long it took for her to solve the problem.

She closed her eyes and scanned the timelines. She gasped in horror.

Chapter 3

One year later…

ECLIPSE

The young dragonet bounced in the hallways, eying ever corner of the palace she could find.

It was a beautiful sunny day and absolutely boring. She wondered what do do but there was nothing she could do. She ran to her parents bedroom where Clearsight and Darkstalker were sleeping peacefully, Clearsight snuggled under Darkstalker's wing.

She took a deep breath screamed as loud as she could.

They both jumped off the sleeping ledge, looking around frantically.

"Clearsight! You said she'd do it in..." he looked out the window. "Perhaps another hour."

"Sorry." She yawned, stretching her wings as far as they could go.

"Sweetheart, it is in the middle of the day, go to sleep." He climbed back on the ledge.

"I'm bored," eclipse announced.

"Go to bed." Darkstalker laughed softly.

Eclipse ran up to him and climbed his massive wings and peered into his face. "Can we go to that sea cave?"

He groaned and rolled her off, catching her fire she fell. "Sure." He booped her with his nose and she giggled.

Eclipse was sure if it. Darkstalker loved her more than any of her siblings. She was her favorite and there was no doubt. She looked

and saw his twisted crown and she wondered who'd it belong to one day.

"Get the others up." Darkstalker said, sliding off the sleeping ledge, his talons clicking on the stone floor, his tail wrapped around Clearsights as she tried to get sleep. "Are you coming, my love?" He asked, nudging her wing. She replied with a grumbling groan but nodded, shielding her face from the sun with her wings.

"I thought it just be me and you?" She pouted, looking at him disappointedly.

"No love," he liked her snout softly. "You'd want to show the others now wouldn't you?"

Eclipse shook her head. "I'm your favorite." She reminded him.

Darkstalker barked a laugh and pulled her into a hug with his wing. "I love you all the same." Eclipse wanted time challenge that. She nodded without anymore back talk and wrestled away from his hug and ran down the palace hallways, to her siblings room, the excitement of going to the cave giving her energy.

She skidded a corner, almost slamming into a palace guard and ran to her room opening the door looking at all her siblings.

"Wake up!" She demanded, yelling at her siblings. They all groggily looked at her with tired expressions that clearly said "go away".

Shadowhunter was the first to slide off her ledge, her tail smacking into Battlefire's face. "Watch it!" He leaped up, hissing at her, his start speckled wings open.

Shadowhunter mumbled something and Futuresight leaped up. "Don't say it!" He growled at Battlefire, the biggest dragonet of the six. "If you say that we'll get into a fight and dad will have to come." He shivered

"Of course he looked ahead, stupid," Mindgazer sat up with a tired expression, stretching his wings.

Battlefire glared at him. "Stop reading my mind!" He roared at his

brother.

"He can't keep his nosy snout out of our minds." Fierceclaw growled in the corner.

"Yes I can!" Mindgazer protested, his wings flapping looking at Quickslayer for help of any sort but the small Nightwing reminded quiet, looking bored already.

"Let's go, dad wants us." Eclipse said excitedly.

"You want us." Mindgazer corrected, reading her thoughts.

"Yeah. You wanted to go to the cave, not dad." Futuresight agreed with a huff.

It always make Eclipse so mad that her siblings used their power on her, she never asked them to do it. Matter of fact, she asked them to stop but they kept on and it was highly annoying.

"Fine, whatever, let's go!" She huffed embarrassed and stomped out the room, them following.

Chapter 4

ECLIPSE

The royal family all soared down to the ocean side, Darkstalker taking the lead. He lead the, to the roaring beach, waves slamming against the rocks and side of the cliffs. The weather was sunny and hot, perfect day for sleeping but they came out here.

Darkstalker slowed his pace, letting Clearsight take the lead, showing that the two had been to the place a lot together. He flew underneath Eclipse, her body almost small as his head and it made her realize that she wasn't big yet and she couldn't do all things wanted right now. She thought of all the possibilities that she wanted to do when she got to be full size, or at least 5 years old. Mindgazer glanced at her but his gaze swiveled back in front of him seeing her angry gaze for reading her mind.

"We're going to learn something today." He said to her. Eclipse was excited to see what was going to happen for she didn't know what was going to happen. Futuresight did. If she wanted. She could look into the future just as powerful as their mother.

Clearsight dove into a large sea cave, very comfortable, everyone else following. They all landed and Darkstalker told them to line up. Once they were all lined up and Clearsight was at his side, he spoke. "Eclipse wanted to go to the sea cave to do this." He said evenly. "This test is used by seawings but were going to use it today." He flapped his wings with humor. "Find a rock"

The six dragonets broke formation, searching everywhere for a perfect rock, confused in what they were about to do. Only Futuresight and Mindgazer knew at this point and of course, Clearsight. Eclipse picked up a smooth rock, perfect for whatever they were about to do.

"Tell the rock to..." he thought for a moment. "To land at my feet."

He said and sat down, excitedly, waiting.

Eclipse thought it was silly but everyone else did it. So she did it as well. "Land at my dad's feet."

The rock shot of if her talons and landed at Darkstalker's feet. He sat there, looking with a pleased expression in his face. "Congratulations daughter, you're an animus."

"A what?" Her talons tingled, her brain not processing what happened.

"What?!" Fierceclaws shot to her feet. "That's not fair! She threw it! See!" Her sister threw the rock at Darkstalker, hitting Clearsight's arm.

Clearsight growled in pain and flared at ephedra daughter. "Fierceclaws!"

"She doesn't even know what an animus is!" Fierceclaws continued yelling.

Eclipse looked down guilty. She really wished she payed attention in class now.

"Come Eclipse." Darkstalker spreader his wings,

"Where are we going?" She asked, slipping under his wings as he gazed at her. It was a look that she'd never forget. It was a look of warm pride. So much pride it took away all the bad feelings in the world.

"I'm going to teach you how to be an animus."

Chapter 5

6 years later...

ECLIPSE

the Nightwing banked in the air, her pursuer behind her. She dove straight down, a shadow looming over head. She performed a barrel roll but the other Nightwing was still on her. She opened her wings, suddenly catching the wind. She thought she was free but the other Nightwing grabbed her back talons. His larger body, slightly bigger than hers weighed her down. She flapped harder and harder but her energy gave out and they quickly fell to the earth. The other Nightwing put his claws around her neck and twisted in the sky, diving to crash her into the earth.

The Nightwing opened his wings, his wings catching the air just as they were about to hit the ground, his talons safely wrapping around Eclipse and dropped her as soon as they were close to the earth,

"That was cheating!" She shouted at her brother. Quickslayer stood there, looking at her with a happy expression.

"He won fair and square." Clearsight moved to her son, putting a proud wing around him. "If that were real, you would've definitely killed that dragon. You live up to your name,"

"Thanks, mom." He smiled,

"I could've beat him," Battlefire boasted.

"Nope." Futuresight shook his head. "We'd all fail miserably against Quickslayer. The only one who could probably beat him was Eclipse and she didn't"

Darkstalker looked at Eclipse but said nothing. She huffed, angry

that she didn't get his approval, opened her wings and took off into the sky, flying towards the palace. When she landed, her cousin Foeslayer was reading a scroll with her twisted glasses on. "Hey!" Her tail curled in excitement.

Foeslayer looked up. "Hi." She said purely and looked back down at her scroll.

Eclipse crossed over to her and the scroll. "That's a boring scroll." She grunted.

"Good thing your not reading it." She huffed back, extending the scroll even more.

" I'll enchant that to eat your face" eclipse joked.

"Watch your soul." She grunted.

Eclipse roared with frustration. "You're so boring!" She sighed and continued to walk in the palace after Foeslayer shrugged with no care in the world. Eclipse knew the dangers and perils of being an animus, Darkstalker had told her everything. Of course she was just joking but her cousin couldn't take a simple joke.

She was walking and crashed into one of the guards who was patrolling peacefully. "Sorry princess." He was rather handsome.

"Yeah, yeah." She rolled her eyes and swerved around him, leaving him staring after her awkwardly.

She busted open her door, Shaodwhunter was playing with jewelry around her neck. "Did you beat Quickslayer?" She said not even looking up.

She shook her head furiously and climbed on her ledge. "I didn't want to. I could've if I wanted to."

Shadowhunter glanced doubtfully at her sister. "Yeah, sure." She finally looked up. "I'll hire Quickslayer to be my body guard when I'm queen." She chuckled.

Eclipse looked at her surprised. Darkstalker would never allow them

to talk about being queen. Legends say that daughters had to kill their mothers to become queen. Did that mean Shadowhunter apparently had to kill Darkstalker? Darkstalker could never die.

She shook her head to clear her mind. "You'd never become queen, silly. Dad will be king for a long time."

Shadowhunter opened her mouth to speak but there were talon steps and Darkstalker appeared at the door. "Eclipse!" He opened his wings welcoming. "Hello, Shadowhunter," he geeeted his other daughter and beckoned Shadowhunter to leave so they could talk in private. Shadowhunter left, grumbling, closing the door after her.

Darkstalker frowned at her. "Your mad."

"Nooooo...." she said like it wasn't obvious.

Darkstalker wrapped a wing around her in an embrace.

"Hey, dad?"

"Hm?" He looked down at her.

"Do you only love me because I'm an animus?" Eclipse always asked that question and she got the same answer every time.

"I love you for who you are and I love all of you the same."

Chapter 6

Eclipse looked over the balcony and sighed. She saw NightWings flying below at a festival. She desperately wished that she could leave the castle. She was strictly told not to leave or talk unless she had permission and she always followed the rules. Most NightWings could just run away from her usually. But tonight, she was feeling rebellious and she spread her wings, leaping in the balcony edge.

"Eclipse, no!" Fierceclaws growled behind her. "I know what your doing."

Eclipse sighed and turned around. "Don't try to stop me!" She begged.

"Not unless you let me come with you," she leaped beside her sister, looking below.

"Us too!" Shadowhunter's voice called and they turned around and also saw Battlefire also.

Eclipse thought for a moment. "Fine." She hissed. "Now let go before everyone decided to join." She dove without a reply, wing beats sounding behind her. She landed a little ways away from the party and waited for her siblings to land. "Listen lizards," her gaze scanned the other three. "Don't go far, stick together and don't do anything stupid."

They all nodded and went on the festival. Music and dragon's laughing and shouting were everywhere. Lights flashed and games were played. There was joy. That was rare to them. They all stayed together and Battlefire caught a NightWings eye and she gasped, shrinking into the shadow, looking right and left for a way to escape.

Was she afraid? And why?

Battlefire waved at her and she darted away. Battlefire growled offended and ran after her.

"No!" Eclipse hissed, lunging for his tail but she missed and Battlefire grabbed the other NightWings arm and she shrieked, flapping desperately to get from his grasp. Eyes tired to them, more gasp erupted from the watching crowd, startled, Battfire let go and rejoined his siblings.

The watching NightWings stared at them as they made their way looking around. A pair of curious eyes watched them from the side and he waved his talons for them to follow. Eclipse told her siblings to follow the strange dragon into his tent. What if they were to kill them? She wished Quickslayer was here. What was she thinking? Fierceclaws and Battlefire could find as well. So could she!

They sat down as the nightwing with glasses looked at them. "Im not supposed to be talking to you but you four aren't supposed to be here."

"We're aware." Fierceclaws said rudely.

"Children of King Darkstalker..." he looked at them with awe and he didn't seem so afraid as everyone else did.

"Tell us why everyone is afraid of us!" She demanded.

The nightwing sighed and settled down. He begin to tell her from the beginning. Foeslayer and Arctic, their forbidden love, then Darkstalker and Whiteout, what Darkstalker did for the tribe and he was right beside the queen. Foeslayer died and Darkstalker enchanted his own wife. The nightwing got to that part where Artic ripped open him self under Darkstalks commands and Eclipse stopped him, tears erupting. "It's not true!" She hissed.

The nightwing blinked. "Sorry princess, you asked and I told. Ask anyone else if they won't run away from you."

"What's that seawings name?"

"Fathom." He replied.

"So that's how Foeslayer got her name..." Shadowhunter mumbled, thinking about their cousin.

She looked at her siblings. "I'm going to go talk to Fatom."

There was long pause as no one said anything.

"Dad will stop you." Fierceclaws said.

"I'm an animus too." She reminded her and she growled with jealousy.

"Ha! Really!?" The stranger curled his tail in delight. "I've should've known!"

"What's your name?" Battlefire asked.

"Knowledgeseeker." He didn't seem very engaging and that he was acting like he was talking to the royal family. He seemed like they were ordinary.

"Come to the palace with us. Your...full of knowledge." Eclipse grabbed his wrist.

"Aww, thanks but anyone knows the story. Darkstalker wants us to know so no one will disobey him,"

Eclipse still couldn't really believe him. Darkstalker was so sweet and kind and didn't seem like he'd do anything like that.

Chapter 7

The squad of nightwing sailed to the palace. Battlefire was the first to land on the balcony. He poked his head inside, saw that it was empty except the rest for the rest of their siblings.

"You're lucky we didn't tell dad!" Futuresight grunted.

Eclipse opened her mouth to speak.

"It's ok." Mindreader interrupted. "Futuresight told us everything."

"Yeah, Knowledgeseeker becomes—"

"No!" Knowledgeseeker lundged forward, stopping Futuresight. "Please." He steadied himself and folded his wings. "I don't want to know anything about my future."

Futuresight shrugged his shoulder. "Suit yourself."

Eclipse didn't listen to their conversation but quietly went to the corner and threw her wings over her head. Why would her father do such a thing? Dark stalker was e sweetest dragon she'd ever known!

"I need to sleep." She mumbled, looking around at her siblings and Knowledgeseeker. They were all silent, looking at her curiously. Some of the faces understood her concern while some didn't.

"Where do I go?" Knowledgeseeker asked awkwardly.

The siblings stayed quiet for a while and finally Mindgazer spoke up. "You can stay with us for tonight. Well take you somewhere tomorrow."

"Agreed. We all need the rest." Fierceclaws chimed in.

Eclipse was glad she didn't have to argue. She walked over to her

sleeping ledge and fell asleep, her dreams troubled.

Chapter 8

The next morning, Eclipse was in the sourest of moods. She ate her breakfast without a word and didn't talk to anyone.

All through the day, her mind was swirling about her father and she just couldn't get it out of her head. Did he think he could hide it forever? Well he did a good job so far... that's why she was so heartbroken when she figured it out.

She sighed.

Her mother, Clearsifht walked in. She was the only one in her room and Clearsight laid her wing on top of her. "Hello darling. Is Mindgazer reading your mind again?" She nuzzled her daughter in the forehead and took off her bracelet.she clipped it around Eclipse's with a small clank. "There now no one can read your mind," the queen smiled.

Eclipse studied the bracelet. "Wow! Thanks mom!" She said actually happy, her spirits beginning to rise. This would be helpful. She was always asking her sibling to stop. Now she didn't have to. She couldn't block her mind. Mindgazer's powered were too strong. She wondered why she didn't enchant anything like this before.

She smiled brightly at her mother. She looked into her eyes and they looked... empty.

Eclipse swallowed hard and nodded. "I have to go," she backed up, knocking down a stool. She raced through the hallways and scanned door to door, searching until she found the stranger, Knowledgeseeker, along with her cousin Fierceclaws.

"Knowledgeseeker!" She panted. The male looked at her curiously. "C-can I talk to you?" She looked at Fierceclaws while the female shrugged she did nothing else.

Knowledgeseeker followed her to a corner with beads around his neck. "Geeze, living in the castle is awesome!" he smiled happily. "You sure are lucky!"

"Yeah, sure. Um do you think Darkstalker put a spell on my mother?" She studied his eyes and saw they they seemed full of life unlike her mothers.

He thought a moment. "He did it before he could do it again,"

They what's she didn't want to hear. Her heart sunk in her stomach and she felt like to cry. Her mother my not be her mother at all! I mean, of course it was her but what if Darkstalker enchant her to act a certain way. What if Clearsight was nothing like that. She was his puppet?! What if Darkstalker enchanted her and her siblings?

Eclipse clutched her head and threw her wings over her head. "No, no..." she muttered to herself.

"You ok?" Fierceclaws and Knowledgeseeker was at her sides.

She shook her head fiercely. "What's the other animus's name?" She clutched his arms frantically.

"Arti—"

"No the other one!"

"Alba-"

"No!"

"Fath—"

"Fathom!" She said her wings flaring.

She turned to her cousin who looked so confused it was funny. "Don't tell anyone, please" she begged. She nodded slowly.

She could trust Fierceclaws. She had to. Her cousin was somewhat reliable. She prayed Knowledgeseeker was too.

"I'm going to look for Fathom and ask for his help,"

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Eclipse slipped a small pouch over her neck and quickly stuffed important things inside. She paused. All she got a map. What else should she bring?

She jumped as Shadowhunter spoke. "What are you doing?"

Eclipse turned around, sighed and told her everything. Shadowhunter looked excited more than hurt. "Wow so it will be like a mystery we need to solve!"

"No, it's not a mystery. Every dragon knows expect us. It's a crime and it's cruel. The closet person to Father is Fathom and we need to find him now."

"I'm coming with you." She said confidently.

Eclipse opened her mouth to argue but relized she probably needed the help. But she was going on a mission that would probably kill her. She was an animus. Shadowhunter had no powers. She was normal. "Fine," she said although her brain said no.

"Awesome! So Quickslayer is coming too?"

"What?" Her head whipped around and saw her quiet brother laying there gazing at them curiously.

"This is what happened when you guys left last night? You figured out dad's secret plan?" He asked.

Eclipse felt guilty. Quickslayer was probably the most trustworthy of them all. She always told him her personal problems.

"Yes," she swallowed, not even knowing he was there. "He's coming,"

He did not interfere but his ears perked excitedly.

"We leave now. The sun is setting and everyone will be awake."

Eclipse whispered.

"Won't dad be suspicious if we leave? He will use his powers on us to find us." Shadowhunter asked.

"I think you forgot I'm an animus too." She replied back with a smirk. She looked around. "Get an earring,"

Shadowhunter grabbed the earring she was wearing and handed it over to her sister.

Quickslayer shook his head. "I don't wear earrings. I have a bracelet." He handed her a bracelet he was wearing.

"I enchant these items to block any spells king Darkstalker will put on us and will prevent him from finding us." She handed the items back to her siblings and enchanted her own earring. She felt a little cold but she was fine.

"We go now." They two off them nodded. The trio ran outside, and leaped off the balcony, beating their wings as fast as possible without looking back

Chapter 9

The three of them were beating their wings so hard and so fast, tears were running out of her eyes from the wind. Quickslayer had a larger wingspan and shot ahead of them. Shadowhunter was right along side Eclipse.

Her heart pounded faster than her wings were going. It wasn't long until they heard a shout from guards behind them. They caught them. No way they could catch up! They were too far ahead!

She forgot that the guards are twice as old as them and probably just as big. The guards quickly gained on them. Shadowhunter let out a surprised yelp as a blast of fire was shot. She wasn't sure if it hit her. Her odd wing beats answered her question.

"Shadow!" Eclipse yelled, swooping over under her sister, supporting her up. There was a swoosh of air as Quickslayer sailed past them. Eclipse looked back to see five guards right behind them.

Quickslayer shot to to the closest dragon, clutching on him, tearing his wings apart. He didn't hesitate to barrel into another and blast the other with fire.

Eclipse watched with guilt as the nightwing with the ripped wings spiraled down to his death in the sea.

There was another shout and a flash of gold and black scales zoomed by them, crashing to a NightWing guard. "Go!" Quickslayer shouted commandly.

Shadowhunter and Eclipse flew awkwardly to the nearest island, landing with a rough crash. Eclipse nudged her sister in a small cave and smelled smoke steaming from her left wing. How she wished she had something cold. Her tail flicked as she disappeared down the slope and to the water. She got a mouthful of water and returned to her sister and spit in her wing.

"Ew! Nasty you just spit on me!" Shadowhunter hissed at her, wincing in pain.

"Shut up! Youre too loud!" Eclipse opened her star speckled wings to try to quiet her down.

"Sorry!" She whispered in a loud hiss. "Don't spit on me!" She demanded.

"Fine sorry." She grumbled not wanting to argue. Shadowhunter often got grumpy when she was hurt.

The roaring in the sky stopped suddenly. There was wingbeats. More than one. Two.

"Is Quickslayer ok?" Shadowhunter whispered fearing the same.

"No." Eclipse shook her head. "He's too good," she prayed she was right.

The two huddled close together and heartbeats later, a large slender nightwing swooped down, the moons shining behind him. He landed with a thud and Eclipse ran over to him and threw her wings around him. She instantly backed away. "Eww all covered in blood! Lemme look at those wounds"

he backed away shaking his head. He looked slightly sad. She knew why. Quickslayer was always so great at killing but hated it when he did. Wait. He hasn't killed anyone before. This was his first time.

Eclipse said nothing and gasped when she saw a large tear in his wing. "Quickslayer!" She exclaimed and stared at it. She felt guilty for putting them in this situation.

What was she thinking? She was an animus. She grabbed the nearest rock and mumbled words to it. She grabbed her brother's wings and slid the rock against the tear. The wound healed instantly sealing back together.

She tossed the rock to Shadowhunter. "Rub it on your burn." She gave a skeptical look but did it anyway.

"There was another dragon." Quickslayer mumbled, fiddling with a stick below his talons. Eclipse looked at him with wide eyes. Was it that flash of gold and black scales she saw? "I couldn't see her well but she helped me fight." His deep voice rumbled. He looked up at the sky. "I think she was a hybrid. She was golden and black—"

"NightWing sandwing hybrid! Cool!" Eclipse's eyes sparkled in interest.

"I think so," he nodded then finally looked at his wings. "Hey. You used your magic."

"It's ok." Eclipse shrugged, grabbing the rock from Shadow when she was done. She handed it to Quickslayer. "Put it in your wounds."

He eyed her but did it anyway and looked at the results in shock. "So yeah. I asked her why'd she help. She said that many NightWings try to escape the kingdom all the time. A secret way but they are eventually stopped by guards so she helps them escape."

"So where'd she go?" Shadow asked.

"She told me to keep along the coast then flew away." Quickslayer said.

"So why did the guards attack us?" Shadowhunter asked.

"They thought we were normal!" Eclipse said as it was obvious.

"We're Royal!" Shadowhunter exclaimed.

"They didn't know that!"

The three of them sighed. Their adventure was not starting off great.

They were quiet for a while then Quickslayer spoke. "We need to find her. We need to ask her for her help. We haven't even been outside the castle. She's probably knows the world better than us."

They nodded. Eclipse gathered her rock, spreaded her wings and followed Quickslayer to the nearest island.

Chapter 10

The island was not far away but Eclipse tried to flap quieter for she feared the more guards would come and Quickslayer would have to... slay them quickly... again. She knew her brother felt back but she supposed if they did return, she could use her new healing rock to help them.

Quickslayer landed with a soft thud, Shadowhunter and Eclipse right behind him. He narrowed his eyes, shaking his wings.

"Is this where she landed?" Shadowhunter whispered.

The forest was dense with lots of trees. And you could barley see the moons through tall the leaves. Vines hung from branches and roots stuck up, trying to trip them in every step.

"Maybe Quick was imagining this dragon?" Shadowhunter teased.

Quickslayer didn't reply but looked fiercely around every tree to prove her wrong.

"Was your imaginary girlfriend pretty?" She nudged his shoulder.

"Shut up!" Eclipse smacked her sister in the back of her head with her tail. "I believe you, Quick." She nudged his wing affectionately.

He didn't say anything but shuffled away from them, leaping over a giant root. He even looked under the root for her.

Eclipse tried to help, flapping slightly, jumping to a branch but it snapped and she landed in her wing with a growl. She glared at Shadow warning her not to laugh. She flapped and clutched a branch higher this time. She wondered how Rainwings did it. She read about the rainforest dragons flying through the rain forest. She struggled slipping through the thick blanket of leaves and mad it to the top, scanning the tops of the trees for any moment.

She stayed up there for a minute and opened her pouch, pulling out a small scroll she had Knowledgeseeker right down all the things he knew about her father at the last moment. Her eyes scanned the scroll, her heat pounding hard. She put it down for second, wiping tears away from her eyes. What if he was wrong? What if he was making it all up? It didn't make any sense. All the guards were terrified of their king although Eclipse never knew why. Darkstalker was the happiest, kindest dragon she ever met. But when they snuck out to the fair. The others ran with fear.

She studied she scroll, tracing her fingers over Fantoms name.

"Eclipse!" Her sister's head popped out of the leaves below. "I've been calling you for minutes!"

"Really?" She tilted her head, stuffing the scroll in her bag.

"Yeah." She nodded. "I lost Quick." She examined her claws, obviously not worried.

To be honest, she wasn't either. Quickslayer would be able to care for himself. But she slowly climbed down and picked up a stick. "I ench—"

Shadowhunter slapped the stick out her talons and glared at her. "Don't be lazy! Find him without your magic."

Eclipse glared at her. She made it look like she used her magic all the time, she hardly ever did! "Fine" she grumbled, starting off into the forest.

They searched for minutes, whispering his name in case they were in danger.

They found him behind a tree, staring at the ground. He was studying a talon print.

"Quick! We were so worried!" Shadow threw her wings around her brother and staring at the talon prints below them.

Quickslayer shrugged her off with a huff and tried to search for more.

"Wow..." shadow put her talon next to the talon print in the mud. "Whoever this is is huge!" The talon was slightly bigger than Quickslayers.

"Not really." Quick said placing his paw by the print.

Eclipse said nothing. Was this a Nightwing?

The bushes rustled and a dragon appeared.

"Sunset!"

Chapter 11

Shadow and Eclipse instantly snarled, getting in a defensive position until Qucikslayer spreaded his wings and exclaimed her name. The two sisters looked at each other startled.

Eclipse was right. She was a Nightwing sandwing hybrid. She was sprinkled with pale and deep golden scales. She was mostly black except the golden mane like she had. Around her head were slender Nightwing horns with odd blue eyes. Under her wings were brown with faded stars.

Sunset extended her wings in the moon light and looked at them. She was breathing and huge! Eclipse sighed when she saw she didn't have the danger barb all sandwich's we're supposed to have.

Shadowhunter looked awestruck and Quickslayer looked oddly happy. Eclipse didn't know what to feel.

"Come with me." She whispered in a soft, energetic but calm voice. The three Nightwings followed her to a small cave. She let them slip in one by one and closed the door. She made a hissing sound and breathed fire into the torches.

A large sandwing laid on a rock ledge snoring softly. It was amazing. She'd only read about sandwings she seen pictures of them but it was amazing in real life! And a Nightwing sandwing hybrid was even cooler. Eclipse was lost with words and didn't quite know what to say.

"Wake up!" Sunset growled, whacking the older dragon with her tail. The sandwing blinked sleepily and fell off his sleeping ledge with a yelp. He scanned the Nightwing with hope then quickly faded.

"Hello! I'm Tumbleweed." He sounded tired but still remained hopeful for something.

"Hi!" Shadowhunter smiled. "Wow! I can't believe I'm meeting a real sandwing!" She said excitedly."

Tumbleweed smiled. He opened his mouth but Sunset interrupted. "I told you to stay along the coast until you reached the rainforest. There will be someone to help,you there." She flicked her tail, staring at Quickslayer.

"I know." He lowered just head. "We just thought that you could help us. You were the only dragon trying to help us out here."

We!? Eclipse though furiously.

"I've given all the help I can give." she shrugged.

Quickslayer narrowed his eyes. "Your hurt from the fight." He observed.

"I've fine really." She shrugged. Eclipse realized he was right. She wing was bandaged but was already soaked in deep red blood.

"It's ok. Eclipse can help." He looked at her. He wanted her to give the healing rock!

"We need information on Darkstalker first." Eclipse said.

Tumbleweed and Sunset froze. Their eyes wides it's shock and fear. It was true. All the things Knowledgeseeker said was true.

"What about him?" Tumbleweed swallowed twining his tail with Sunset both giving an equal amount of rage and fear. Eclipse saw Shadowhunter's face fall and knew she realized the same thing.

"Darkstalker is a horrible dragon . Surely you already knew that because you tried to escape the kingdom." Sunset put a wing around who Eclipse guessed was her father now.

"Kinda." Eclipse handed the rock to her. "Rub it on your wound." She said and sat down, bringing her wings and tail close to her. "We want to know exactly what he did."

Sunset finished rubbing the bandaged and peeled it away with a

shocked expression. She narrowed her eyes at them and stood up with a slight frown. "Who are you? You come in being chased by guards. Well that's not new. You ask about what Darkstalker did when everyone has to learn it in school. And You have an enchanted rock from an animus!"

"I'm Shadowhunter, this is Quickdeath, and Eclipse."

"Get out." Tumbleweed mumbled from the corner.

Chapter 12

"What why?!" Shadowhunter flared her wings as Sunset began to pushed them hurriedly. Tumbleweed was working on pushing Quickslayer but he stubbornly fought back. Tumbleweed's tail was lashing and raising dangerously.

"Stop!" Eclipse roared, rising in her hind legs and slamming down in all fours. all eyes stared at her."We. Are. Nothing. Like Darkstalker." She growled and relief washed over her when Tumbleweed backed in a corner followed by Sunset opening her wings to protect her father.

"Tell me everything," sunset eyed them, no trust whatsoever in her eyes.

"I loved my father, I really did. We had no idea he was doing this stuff until we snuck out one night at a party and a Nightwing told me about what Darkstalker did." Eclipse started.

"Yeah. We had no idea. He was always sweet and gave us everything we wanted." Shadow chimed in.

"We were never allowed to leave the castle." Quick coiled his tail beside him. "Then eclipse decked she had to find the truth."

It was quiet for a moment.

"Tell us about you." Eclipse demanded.

Sunset looked at Tumbleweed and after he nodded, she took a deep breath. "Father fell in love with a Nightwing a little bit before Darkstalker became king. Mother would sneak outside the kingdom to see father but he put the barrier up and no one was allowed to leave." He paused before continuing. "We've been helping Nightwings escape the night kingdom for years! We made a secret society that extends all the way up to the rainforest. We hope one day to rescue my mom."

Eclipse thought it was pretty impressive. But there was one thing she didn't understand.

It came out of Quickslayer's mouth before she could speak. "If Nightwings couldn't leave the kingdom, how do they escape."

Sunset turned her icy gaze at him. "I enchanted it to."

Chapter 13

"Your an animus too!?" Eclipse jumped to her feet excitedly. For some reason, she thought that Darkstalker and her were the only ones in the whole world but she was wrong. How many others had these powers?

"Your an animus?" She tapped her chin thoughtfully. "Well that explains the rock I guess. And your the daughter of Darkstalker."

Eclipse nodded. "How did you enchant it exactly?"

She shrugged. "Any Nightwing with the guys to leave can. Most escape the route you took but the guards don't know that. Others are too scared cause of your dad!"

She frowned. "Well what do you want us to do about it? We can't undo what Darkstalker did!"

Sunset shrugged. "Sorry."

Tumbleweed looked depressed. More than Eclipse had ever seen a dragon before. "Your never going to let us live!" He threw his wings in the air and bellowed. "I just want to see Moondancer and let Sunset see her." He yelled.

"What makes you think we won't let you live?" Shadow leaped to her talons, her wings outstretched.

"Your the children of DARKSTALKER for crying out loud!" Tumbleweed rose to full height being a lot bigger than Eclipse thought.

"We are not like Darkstalker." Bib j said slowly and dangerously, narrowing his eyes.

Tumbleweed sat down without another word, afraid that he would do something to him. His face still showed doubt.

"Well if you guys are taking down and killing Darkstalker, and if I get to see my mother then I'm helping you." Sunset growled.

Eclipse didn't like the idea of killing him just wanted to stop him and undo what he did. But before she could answer, Shadow and Quick flapped their wings and spoke in unison, "Great!"

"Wha—" Eclipse started but Shadowhunter leaped in, put a wing around her.

"Shush! We have a valuable ally! She can really help!" Shadow whispered.

Eclipse grumbled then nodded. "Fine."

"Sunset..." Tumbleweed started, turning towards to the other nightwings. "You know where to find me," he gave a weak smile. He turned around, grabbing a bag and stuffing supplies in the sack.

Sunset was still for a moment then grabbed a map. "Hey, come over here." The siblings walked over to her and spread out a map. "We are right here." She pointed to a forest near the night kingdom. "We have to get as far away from the kingdom as possible."

"We're trying to find Fathom." Shadow said, map. "What're can we find him?"

"Fathom?" Her eyes grew wide. "My goodness." She gasped. "Why...? Fathom wants nothing to do with you guys. He's afraid of Darkstalker pretty much."

"Everyone's afraid of Darkstalker." Eclipse grunted. "Fathom was his best friend I thought."

"Yeah, but he turned insane! So Fathom ran away with Indigo." She sighed dreamily the end.

"Indigo? The one Darkstalker tried to kill?" Quickslayer asked.

"Yeah. Fathom and Indigo fell in love, it was a great story." Sunset shrugged.

Eclipse shrugged. "So where can we find him?"

"I don't know. Last known location was at the rainforest." She replied.

"Then we go to the rainforest then," Shadowhunter stood up.

Eclipse shivered. The rainforest? She'd never been so far from home before. She was afraid and excited at the same time! She fiddled with her talons nervously and opened her wings. "Then what are we waiting for?"

Im back!

Hi guys!!
I took a looooong break and came back, seeing that you guys actually enjoyed this book! I'm glad you did and I will now continue it!

My other book, my great pride and joy, (Ripper) was deleted. I'm not really sure why but I will need to be careful from now on. And it seems like this book is quickly catching up to Ripper's popularity! ^^

I have to admit I forgot where this book was going I'll look back at my notes and update soon!

Thank you for the support and I plan to see you soon!

This book does have many mistakes but I will try better at them, ty!

Chapter 14

Not sure why I didn't publish this. I wrote it before I paused the book

Sunset and Tumbleweed had an emotional goodbye while Quickslayer, Shadowhunter, and Eclipse patrolled around the area.

When they were done, Sunset didn't fly, she walked. The moons were high in the sky and the siblings trailed after her. She seemed sad and determined at the same time.

"Hey! Why aren't we flying?" Shadowhunter asked rudely.

"Do you want to get caught? If so go ahead and fly." Sunset grunted,

Shadow grumbled and hung her head low. Eclipse looked at the moon between the leaves of the trees and looked at her talons. Did Darkstalker know where they were? She swallowed hard, swaying her tail. Anxiety flooded in her thoughts what if he was watching?! Was this entertaining to him? Was he watching his children on a screen of some sort like he imagined him? Their every single move? Could they really trust Sunset? Quickslayer seemed to trust her. It seemed something more than trust that drew him to her. She shook her head. Shadow didn't seem to trust her much. Eclipse wasn't sure how she felt. She curled her tail and walked silently.

It didn't help all the thoughts seeping in. What did the others think of this? Could Futuresight or her mother see what would happen? Eclipse was so afraid. She loved her father so much but now she didn't even know what to feel. It felt so unreal that she was here right now, so far from the castle, traveling with two of her siblings, following a hybrid. It hadn't even been a day and the most amazing things had happened to her.

Deep down, she knew Darkstalker was furious at her.

"We can fly when we get to Jade mountain," Sunset informed. "We need to stop and sleep here tonight."

"Hey, Eclipse was it?" Sunset turned her sharp blue eyes at her. "can I talk to you?"

The princess nodded and followed her into the shelter of the tress while Quick and Shadow exchanged mixed expressions.

Sunset stopped and looked around. She lowered her voice so only Eclipse could hear. "Well first, why can't I read your mind? Did you block it with your powers?"

Eclipse stumbled backwards and almost tripped over her tail. "I knew we couldn't trust you—!"

"No, no, it's ok. I know how to control it and I only did a quick peek just to seek. I promise I didn't use it on your siblings. You just seemed...interesting."

"Interesting?" Eclipse narrowed her eyes at the hybrid. Her "trust-o-meter" for this dragon was very low.

"Yeah, you were so quiet and I didn't know what you were thinking so I just wanted to see that's all. Please don't be mad."

Just wanted to see?! Don't be mad?! "Are you kidding! Im really debating if I should trust you right now! I'm not sure if you knew but that is extremely rude poking your nose into other's minds!" Her wings flared open.

Sunset bared her teeth. "Well I wouldn't know that now would I? I didn't grow up in a kingdom! I just grew up with my father!" She hissed. "But I'm sorry. I was just curious. You can relate to that right?" She asked sarcastically.

Eclipse rolled her eyes. There was no way that she was going to tell the dragon about her bracelet Clearsight have given her. She didn't know if she could trust her. "Anything else?"

"Do you block your soul from spells?" She picked up a rock and

threw it to the side. "Ya know, from turning into evil."

She hadn't even thought of that. It was a smart idea. She wondered if her father did it. He must've had too because he made a massive one that was sure to take away his soul. "No." She responded.

Sunset studied her for a long while then nodded. "Ok then." She shuffled past her back to where the others where and curled up, breathing a small plume of smoke.

"I'll keep watch." Quickslayer offered.

"Ok, wake me up when you want to switch post." Sunset yawned and closed her eyes.

Eclipse was feeling tired herself and plopped beside her sister and fell fast asleep.

They awoke after dawn and finally reached Jade mountain by midday. Mountains were huge. Eclipse always saw them from afar but it was fascinating seen Jade mountain up close like this.

As sunset promised, the could fly now. Sunset took the lead as the soared over the mountain. She gasped at the sight, Shadowhunter as well doing the same. Quickslayer studied the landscape below him and he seemed happier than usual. Eclipse wondered what was up with her brother but followed them silently.

It took them two days, stopping to rest and hunt but managed to reach the rainforest. It was sticky, muddy, slimy, drippy, scary, and beautiful all at the same time.

"So we find Fathom in the rainforest?" Shadowhunter asked, looking around, obviously not pleased nor impressed with the place. "Why didn't he go back to the ocean?"

"No, have you learned nothing? His sister is the queen and— never mind." Sunset growled and walked with her down, growling as a water drop splashed in her forehead.

So she was the only one enjoying the jungle? She glanced at Quickslayer who seemed to be acting like a bodyguard. His head

swiveled at every sound and looked around to see if anything was there. It made her laugh. It reminded her of Darkstalker in a way. Her heart sank to the muddy floor. She hoped she didn't have to kill her father.

"Guys!" Quickslayer hissed, pulling her from her thoughts. "I hear something.."

They all fell quiet and glanced around.

Eclipse could sense it too. She just couldn't see anything. She wondering if she should use her magic...

Before anyone could react, Quickslayer launched at the nearest tree and Eclipse was surprised when she heard a startled yell. Quickslayer tumbled with a bright green dragon. A rainwing! How they where more beautiful up close! She'd never thought she'd seen one in her life.

A dark purple dragon shot from the leaves above and fell heavily on Shadowhunter. Sunset snarled, swiping her tail at the purple one, knocking it off. Shadow leaped to her feet and pinned it down, looking shocked.

Eclipse was shocked even more as four more rainwings barreled in through the forest and a a pinkish red one leaped at her with claws extended.

Eclipse dodged and raked her claws along his back and the rain wing vanished! He appeared a moment later, swatting her in the head.

She opened, her wings, panicking. She thought that Rainwings where supposed to be one of the nicer tribes! She flapped in the air just to be brought down by them. Was this how she was going to die!? She looked around, noticing that the Rainwings weren't trying to kill them but capture them.

Before she could react, something stung her in the neck and a few seconds later, she fell unconscious

Chapter 15

Eclipse couldn't move. She started to panic as she forgot where she was. What was the last thing that happened? All she remembers was entering the rainforest and- Rainwings!

Eclipse slowly opened her eyes, sunlight pouring all around her, warming up her scales. She sat her head up and looked around, seeing Shadowhunter's sides fall up and down in a peaceful sleep. Sunset on the other talon, was struggling fiercely at ropes tied around her. Eclipse's head swiveled around and her heart rate increased as she didn't see another set of black scales. Was that smoke she smelled?

"Sunset!" Eclipse hissed. Sunset stopped struggling and turned her attention to Eclipse. "Where's-"

She was cut off by Sunset shaking her head fiercely. She nodded her head at a bored looking dragon. His scales were the color of the trees and she didn't even see him laying there.

Eclipse studied the dragon briefly. "Hey you! I demand you let me go!" She tried her best to ignore Sunset who was desperately trying to get her to shut up.

The rainwing tilted his head to look at her. "No." He sounded as if it was obvious.

Eclipse, offended, and taken aback, growled in response. "Where's my brother?"

The rainwing looked incredibly bored and gave a long sigh before replying. "That *demon* was taken away somewhere." He waved his talons. "Now do me a favor and hush please." He yawned.

"Demon?" Eclipse echoed. The rainwing nodded slowly, frowning grumpily. "Why is he a demon?"

"I'm not sure I'm supposed to be talking to prisoners." He grumbled.

"Why are we prisoners? What did we do?"

"I must get back to my suntime, if you would excuse me." He simply said and rested his head.

"Hey!" Eclipse snapped. "Hey, I'm talking to you! You must not know who I am?"

"Shut up!" Sunset snapped at her. Eclipse blinked startled for a moment. "Be quiet."

Eclipse lowered her voice to a whisper, making sure the rainwing didn't hear. "Just enchant the ropes." She suggested.

"Why would I waist my soul on that?" She growled, annoyed.

"Where's Quick?" She changed the subject.

"Not sure where they took him."

"Why'd they call him a demon?"

Sunset frowned for a moment. "Don't let them know your names or that your Darkstalker's children, okay?"

Eclipse thought for a moment. Not telling that information would be extremely helpful. If they figured out that they were Darkstalker's children, who knows what they would do to them? So Eclipse nodded slowly. "But what happened to Quick?"

"I just said I don't know!" She hissed angrily, the rainwing guard opened his eye then closed it.

"Where is the other nightwing?" Eclipse snapped at the guard. "Why'd you call him a demon?"

"We called him a demon because he wounded most of our patrol." The bright green dragon from earlier flapped from below and landed in front of the prisoners. He was bleeding but his wounds were covered with bandages. "*And* it took lots of tranq darts to

knock him out." The rainwing lowered his head to look at Eclipse. "*And* he breathed fire, which is a big no-no where there are lots of trees."

Quickslayer did that? She sniffed the air, the smell of smoke definitely in the air. "Where'd you put him?"

"Don't worry he's fine." He dismissed her concern.

"Why'd you captured us? That was really unnecessary." Eclipse growled.

"Unnecessary?" Another voice laughed from below. He flapped up and landed on the platform beside the green one. He was very large and had more wounds than the other and his voice deep . Did Quick cause those injuriea too? "*You* were the one who attack us first!"

Eclipse opened her mouth to argue but realized he was right. If Quick didn't attack, would they be in this predicament?

"Putting out the fire was a pain. Don't do it or we'll tie you mouth shut." The purple one grunted.

"Snake," the green one sighed in a warning tone.

Snake? His name is Snake? Rainwing names were weird. Eclipse thought to herself.

The purple dragon shrugged. "Sorry."

"Check on the fire, please." The green one asked.

Snake sighed and leaped off the platform.

"Don't mind him, he's just a little, aggressive." He said and sat between Sunset and Eclipse. "May I ask what are your names? I'm Caiman."

Sunset replied before Eclipse could. "She's Moon and that's Shadow."

Eclipse stared at her. She was Moon now? It was smart of them not to say their real names. If they figured out they were related to

Darkstalker, they might kill them, based off of what Sunset had said about him and how everyone was afraid of them in the Night Kingdom.

Caiman's scales shimmered a goldish-yellow and he smiled. "Oh really? Those are interesting Nightwing names."

Sunset nodded slowly.

Why'd his scales change that color? Eclipse knew Rainwings could change their scales' color but what did yellow mean? Did he know they were lying?

"Alright, what about you then?" He asked Sunset, his scales slowly drifting back to its original.

"Sunset." She said simply.

She guessed there was no reason to lie about her name. No one knew it.

"I've never seen a nightwing, sandwing hybrid before. Actually, I've never seen a hybrid before. Your scales are very pretty indeed." He stared at Sunset, his scales shifting, trying to mimic hers as they turned black and gold.

Sunset turned away, taken aback by the compliment.

"What are you going to do with the other nightwing?" Eclipse asked.

"And what might his name be?" Caiman seemed to sparkle as he looked back at her with bright blue eyes.

Eclipse hesitated. What if Quickslayer said his real name? If not what did he say? What if he said nothing at all? Did Caiman already know their real names and did Quick tell them?
Eclipse tried to look at Sunset for what to say but Caiman sat in the way.

"None of your business." Eclipse muttered.

The tips of his ears slightly turned orange but his smile remained.

"Why are you so secretive about your names?" He sighed and got up, as soon as he moved, Sunset gave a nod of approval.

Caiman walked to the edge of the platform and looked back. "Well I'll be off to prepare the execution."

Excuse any mistakes!

I'll be adding a little commentary here from now on!

What do you guys think?
-Did Quickslayer say their real names?
-What does Caiman mean by execution?!
-Snake is a cool name

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Chapter 16

Eclipse's heart never beat so fast in her life. She opened her mouth but nothing came out. Execution? What did he mean? For Quickslayer?

The pounding in her ears didn't stop until Sunset spoke. "For whom?"

Caiman was silent for a moment, his narrow snout scanning their reactions for a second.

His scales erupted into the dazzling yellow color it had been earlier. He was laughing and even their grumpy guard's ears were slightly goldish yellow with a small smirk on his face. The yellow probably was amusing or joy to the Rainwings since they could change their scales according to their emotions.

"Did I get you? It was quite hilarious if you asked me." Caiman smiled joyfully.

Sunset had an unamused look on her face. Did Sunset really not fall for the trick or what she just good at hiding her emotions? Eclipse knew she, herself believed it. What kind of sick, cruel joke was that? It wasn't funny at all.

"I know I got you." Caiman smiled at Eclipse. He studying her for a moment. "My, NightWings are gorgeous! Why don't we see you guys often? I've heard rumors about the NightWings but I can't tell if they're true."

Eclipse growled lowly. "None of your business." She was not going to tell the rainwing that Darkstalker had put a barrier around the kingdom, preventing them from escaping, showing why they were rare.

Sunset curled her tail in, looking obviously annoyed and eager for something. What was she waiting for?

"Ok, Moon and Sunset." Caiman said, still smiling. "I'll be right back." He said and dove off the platform.

Sunset scooted closer to Eclipse and lowered her voice to a whisper. "You know how I said we had a secret organization going on to help runaway NightWings?"

Eclipse thought back to what she had said. She told them to keep along the coastline until you reached the rainforest and there would be someone to help them. Eclipse nodded her head.

"Those NightWings came and lived in the Rainforest. I'm not sure why that idiots acting like he's never seen a nightwing before." She growled.

"Why don't you say something to him?" She suggested.

"I don't know if I can trust him. What if Shi- er the rainwing gets in trouble?"

Eclipse sighed and realized that her point was valid. There was no telling what happened to the rainwing that helped the nightwings.

Beside them, Shadowhunter yawned and woke up from her nap. "What did I miss?" She asked sleepily.

Sunset and Eclipse filled Shadowhunter in on what had happened while she was asleep. She seemed to be fascinated by the rainforest and eagerly waited for news in her brother.

The sun was setting when Caiman finally returned and undid the vines that tied Sunset together. "There! You're free but only because she's told me who you are."

Eclipse watched as a deep purple dragon flapped up the platform and folded her wings. "Sunset. It's been a while."

She nodded at the sandwing hybrid. Sunset gave a small nod back, stretching her wings. "Let them go as well. If you know Shimmer then you know why they're here."

"You're here to escape the night kingdom, Moon?" Caiman asked.

Eclipse nodded. "Ok then." He shrugged, undoing her vines.

Eclipse gave a sigh of relief and stretched her wings. Then turned to her sister. "My sister too." Caiman undid Shadowhunter's vines and stepped back. "Now where's my brother?"

Caiman smiled. "We had to keep him somewhere he couldn't hurt anyone. Follow me ." He waved a talon and jumped off the side of the platform.

Eclipse stopped Shadowhunter briefly. "If anyone ask, say your name is just Shadow." Shadowhunter looked puzzled for a moment then nodded.

Eclipse didn't realize how high up they were until she dove down. The rainforest was extremely dense and no dragon could barley fly. It explained why Caiman landed on the wet ground and started walking from there.

Shimmer fell in a walk beside Sunset. "The rainwings already know of the runaway nightwings."

"Then why did they capture us? Has it happened before? Why'd you attack us?" Eclipse demanded.

Shimmer turned her yellow eyes to her momentarily. She sighed before speaking."You attacked us first! No one has ever attacked us like that before! We set up patrols in case Sunset's nightwings show up. But we are camouflaged. Your brother apparently sensed us and we couldn't get him to stop fighting so we had to tranq you all. Our apologies but we did pay the price." She lifted her arm, showing a few bloody bandages.

Eclipse thought back to where Quickslayer attacked suddenly, not getting anyone time to really thing and explain themselves.

Caiman approached a tall, thick tree and opened the door. In the center was Quickslayer, tied down to the ground completely immobilized. Eclipse had to refrain from telling his name aloud befor running to his side. "The rainwings are good guys. You didn't need to attack them."

He mumbled something along the lines of "I know."

Caiman cut his ropes and Quickslayer stretched his massive wings. "No fire." Caiman growled.

"Relax." Quickslayer turned his attention to Eclipse, Sunset and Shadowhunter sounding slightly annoyed. "Let's get out of here." He lowered his voice.

"Umm, sorry but you can't." Caiman chimed.

"What do you mean?" Eclipse demanded.

"Well, to pay for all the damage he's cost, you all have to stay here until the next moon!" The rain wing pointed to Quickslayer, Shimmer peacefully nonchalant beside him.

They all started speaking in unison but Caiman and Shimmer sat there, uninterested in what they had to say.

"Shimmer!" Sunset hissed to where only the two could hear.

The purple dragon shrugged. "Usually the night wings come and stay in the rainforest anyway. But since he caused damage, and you want to leave, it would only make since for you guys to stay. I can't really say anything because Caiman won't trust me anymore."

"Why would you want him to trust you?" She demanded.

Shimmer looked at her for a brief moment. "Everyone respects him. He's the general and advisor for the queens. Having trust from him would be great. And he's already suspicious about this nightwing underground mission so I'm trying my best." She gave an exhausted sigh.

Sunset stared at Caiman. "*Him*?!"

Shimmer nodded. "He's a genius really."

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